

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
CASE NO.**

THE NORTH FACE APPAREL CORP.,  
VANS, INC., and  
TBL LICENSING LLC,  
Plaintiffs,

vs.

THE INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESS ENTITIES,  
AND UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS  
IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE “A,”  
Defendants.

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**COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

Plaintiffs, The North Face Apparel Corp., Vans, Inc., and TBL Licensing LLC (collectively “Plaintiffs”),<sup>1</sup> hereby sue Defendants, the Individuals, Business Entities, and Unincorporated Associations identified on Schedule “A” (collectively “Defendants”). Defendants are promoting, selling, offering for sale, and distributing goods bearing and using counterfeits and confusingly similar imitations of Plaintiffs’ respective trademarks within this district through various Internet based e-commerce stores operating under the seller names set forth on Schedule “A” (the “E-commerce Store Names”). In support of their claims, Plaintiffs allege as follows:

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. This is an action for damages and injunctive relief for federal trademark counterfeiting and infringement, false designation of origin, cybersquatting, common law unfair competition, and common law trademark infringement pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 1114, 1116 and

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<sup>1</sup> The Plaintiffs, The North Face Apparel Corp., Vans, Inc., and TBL Licensing LLC are related ultimate subsidiaries of V.F. Corporation which is a global leader in branded lifestyle apparel, footwear and accessories.

1125(a) and 1125(d), The All Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a), and Florida's common law. Accordingly, this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1121 and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367 over Plaintiffs' state law claims because those claims are so related to the federal claims that they form part of the same case or controversy.

2. Defendants are subject to personal jurisdiction in this district because they direct business activities toward and conduct business with consumers throughout the United States, including within the State of Florida and this district through, at least, the Internet based e-commerce stores accessible and doing business in Florida and operating under the E-commerce Store Names. Alternatively, based on their overall contacts with the United States, Defendants are subject to personal jurisdiction in this district pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(k)(2) because (i) Defendants are not subject to jurisdiction in any state's court of general jurisdiction; and (ii) exercising jurisdiction is consistent with the United States Constitution and laws.

3. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 since Defendants are, upon information and belief, non-resident in the United States and engaged in infringing activities and causing harm within this district by advertising, offering to sell, selling, and/or shipping infringing products into this district.

#### **THE PLAINTIFFS**

4. Plaintiff The North Face Apparel Corp. ("The North Face") is a company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 3411 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

5. Plaintiff Vans, Inc. (“Vans”) is a company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 1588 South Coast Dr, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

6. Plaintiff TBL Licensing LLC (“TBL”) is a company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 200 Domain Drive, Stratham, NH 03885.

7. Goods bearing the Plaintiffs’ registered trademarks set forth below are offered for sale and sold by Plaintiffs and/or their licensees which are related operating companies within the V.F. Corporation’s family of companies, through various channels of trade within the State of Florida, including this district, and throughout the United States. Defendants, through the sale and offer to sell counterfeit and infringing versions of Plaintiffs’ branded products, are directly and unfairly competing with Plaintiffs’ economic interests in the United States, including the State of Florida, and causing Plaintiffs irreparable harm within this jurisdiction.

8. Like many other famous trademark owners, Plaintiffs suffer ongoing daily and sustained violations of their respective trademark rights at the hands of counterfeiters and infringers, such as Defendants herein, who wrongfully reproduce and counterfeit Plaintiffs’ individual trademarks for the twin purposes of (i) duping and confusing the consuming public and (ii) earning substantial profits across their e-commerce stores. The natural and intended byproduct of Defendants’ combined actions is the erosion and destruction of the goodwill associated with Plaintiffs’ names and associated trademarks and the destruction of the legitimate market sector in which they operate.

9. To combat the indivisible harm caused by the concurrent actions of Defendants and others engaging in similar conduct, each year Plaintiffs expend significant monetary

resources in connection with trademark enforcement efforts, including legal fees, investigative fees, and support mechanisms for law enforcement, such as field training guides and seminars. The exponential growth of counterfeiting over the Internet, including through online marketplace and social media platforms, has created an environment that requires companies, such as Plaintiffs, to expend significant resources across a wide spectrum of efforts in order to protect both consumers and themselves from confusion and the erosion of the goodwill embodied in Plaintiffs' respective brands.

### **THE DEFENDANTS**

10. Defendants are individuals, business entities of unknown makeup, or unincorporated associations each of whom, upon information and belief, either reside and/or operate in foreign jurisdictions, redistribute products from the same or similar sources in those locations, and/or ship their goods from the same or similar sources in those locations to consumers as well as shipping and fulfillment centers within the United States to redistribute their products from those locations. Defendants have the capacity to be sued pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 17(b). Defendants target their business activities toward consumers throughout the United States, including within this district, through the simultaneous operation of, at least, their commercial Internet based e-commerce stores under the E-commerce Store Names.

11. Defendants use aliases in connection with the operation of their businesses, including but not limited to those identified by Defendant Number on Schedule "A."

12. Defendants are the past and/or present controlling forces behind the sale of products bearing and/or using counterfeits and infringements of Plaintiffs' trademarks as described herein.

13. Defendants directly engage in unfair competition with Plaintiffs by advertising, offering for sale, and selling goods each bearing and/or using counterfeits and infringements of one or more of Plaintiffs' individual trademarks to consumers within the United States and this district through Internet based e-commerce stores using, at least, the E-commerce Store Names, as well as additional seller identification aliases not yet known to Plaintiffs. Defendants have purposefully directed some portion of their unlawful activities towards consumers in the State of Florida through the advertisement, offer to sell, sale, and/or shipment of counterfeit and infringing branded versions of Plaintiffs' goods into the State.

14. Defendants have registered, established or purchased, and maintained their E-commerce Store Names. Defendants may have engaged in fraudulent conduct with respect to the registration of the E-commerce Store Names by providing false and/or misleading information during the registration or maintenance process related to their respective E-commerce Store Names. Many Defendants have anonymously registered and/or maintained some of their E-commerce Store Names for the sole purpose of engaging in unlawful infringing and counterfeiting activities.

15. Defendants will likely continue to register or acquire new seller identification names, or other aliases, as well as related payment accounts, for the purpose of selling and offering for sale goods bearing and/or using counterfeit and confusingly similar imitations of one or more of Plaintiffs' respective trademarks unless preliminarily and permanently enjoined.



16. Defendants' E-commerce Store Names, associated payment accounts, and any other alias seller identification names used in connection with the sale of counterfeit and infringing goods bearing and/or using one or more of Plaintiffs' respective trademarks, are essential components of Defendants' online activities and are one of the means by which


Defendants further their counterfeiting and infringement scheme and cause harm to Plaintiffs. Moreover, Defendants are using Plaintiffs' respective famous names and trademarks to drive Internet consumer traffic to at least one of their e-commerce stores operating under the E-commerce Store Names, thereby increasing the value of the E-commerce Store Names and decreasing the size and value of Plaintiffs' legitimate marketplace and intellectual property rights at Plaintiffs' expense.



### **COMMON FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

#### **The North Face's Trademark Rights**

17. The North Face is the owner of all rights, title, and interest in and to the following trademarks, which are valid and registered on the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (collectively, the "TNF Marks"):

<b>Trademark</b>	<b>Registration Number</b>	<b>Registration Date</b>	<b>Class(es)/Goods</b>
THE NORTH FACE	0,983,624	May 14, 1974	USC 003 - Backpacks USC 022 - Sleeping bags; tents, snowshoes, and skis USC 039 - Camping clothing namely rainwear, parkas, vests, trousers, shoes, gloves and headgear
	1,030,071	January 13, 1976	IC 018 - Backpacks IC 020 - Sleeping bags IC 022 - Tents IC 025 - Camping clothing, namely, rainwear, parkas, vests, trousers, shoes, gloves, headgear and snowshoes
	2,097,715	September 16, 1997	IC 018 - Backpacks IC 020 - Sleeping bags IC 022 - Tents IC 025 - Clothing, namely, parkas, vests, jackets, anoraks, pants, ski bibs, gloves, mittens, underwear, hats, headbands, caps, ski suits, gaiters, shorts, and shirts

Trademark	Registration Number	Registration Date	Class(es)/Goods
	3,538,773	November 25, 2008	<p>IC 009 - Computer bags</p> <p>IC 018 - All purpose sporting bags, backpacks, day packs, knapsacks, rucksacks, book bags, tote bags, handbags, duffel bags, knap sacks and duffel sacks, hip and lumbar packs, shoulder bags, book bags, waist packs, fanny packs, day packs, shoulder bags, satchels, mountaineering bags, Boston bags, internal frame packs, backpack bottle pockets, rain covers used to cover the aforesaid; hydration packs, namely, backpack hydration systems consisting of a backpack, a reservoir, and a mouthpiece connected to the reservoir by a tube; parts and fittings for all the aforesaid goods</p> <p>IC 020 - Sleeping bags; covers for sleeping bags; sacks for carrying and storing sleeping bags; non-metal tent poles and tent stakes</p> <p>IC 021 - Hydration packs, namely, hydration system consisting of a reservoir and a mouthpiece connected to the reservoir by a tube</p> <p>IC 022 - Tents; tent accessories, namely, tent storage bags, rain flies, vinyl ground cloths, tent pole storage sacks</p> <p>IC 025 - Clothing, namely, men's, women's, and children's T-shirts, shirts, tops, sweatshirts, sweatpants, pants, side zip pants, shorts, trousers, vests, parkas, anoraks, coats, jackets, wind-resistant jackets, jacket hoods, pullovers, sweaters, underwear, thermal underwear, tights, gloves, mittens; outerwear, namely, shells, one-piece shell suits, ski wear, ski suits, ski vests, ski jackets, ski bibs, bib overalls, bib pants, snowboard</p>

Trademark	Registration Number	Registration Date	Class(es)/Goods
			wear, snow pants, snow suits, rain wear, rain jackets, rain pants, gaiters, namely, neck gaiters; skirts, skorts, dresses, swim trunks; footwear, namely, athletic shoes, sneakers, trail running shoes, climbing shoes, hiking shoes, slippers, boots, trekking boots, hiking boots, snowshoes, sandals; headgear, namely, caps, hats, headbands, scarves, earbands, balaclavas, visors, beanies IC 035 - On-line retail store services, retail store services, mail order, catalogue and distributorship services, all featuring camping and outdoor gear and equipment, hardware, clothing, sportswear, eyewear, footwear, headgear, sports equipment and related accessories
	3,630,846	June 2, 2009	IC 025 - Footwear; head wear; rainwear; scarves; ski wear
	3,630,850	June 2, 2009	IC 025 - Footwear; gloves; headgear, namely, hats, caps, headbands, visors, hosiery, namely long underwear; jackets; mittens; pants; parkas; shirts; shorts; ski jackets; skirts; tights; vests

The TNF Marks are used in conjunction with the manufacture and distribution of high-quality goods in the categories identified above. True and correct copies of the Certificates of Registration for the TNF Marks are attached hereto as Composite Exhibit “1.”

18. The TNF Marks have been used in interstate commerce to identify and distinguish high-quality goods for an extended period and serve as symbols of The North Face’s quality, reputation, and goodwill.



19. Further, The North Face and its related companies expend substantial resources developing, advertising and otherwise promoting the TNF Marks. The TNF Marks qualify as famous marks as that term is used in 15 U.S.C. §1125(c)(1).




20. The North Face and its related companies extensively use, advertise, and promote the TNF Marks in the United States in connection with the sale of high-quality goods. As a result, the TNF Marks are among the most widely recognized trademarks in the United States, and the trademarks have achieved secondary meaning among consumers as identifiers of high-quality goods.

21. The North Face has carefully monitored and policed the use of the TNF Marks and has never assigned or licensed the TNF Marks to any Defendant in this matter.

22. Genuine goods bearing and/or using the TNF Marks are widely legitimately advertised and promoted by The North Face, its related companies, authorized distributors, and unrelated third parties via the Internet. Visibility on the Internet, particularly via Internet search engines and social media platforms, is important to The North Face's overall marketing and consumer education efforts. Thus, The North Face, its related companies, and authorized distributors expend significant monetary and other resources on Internet marketing and consumer education regarding its products, including search engine optimization ("SEO"), search engine marketing ("SEM"), and social media strategies. Those strategies allow The North Face, its related companies, and authorized distributors to educate consumers fairly and legitimately about the value associated with the TNF Marks and the goods sold thereunder.

**Vans's Trademark Rights**

23. Vans is the owner of all rights in and to the following trademarks, which are valid and registered on the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (collectively, the "VANS Marks"):

<b>Trademark</b>	<b>Registration Number</b>	<b>Registration Date</b>	<b>Class(es)/Goods</b>
	1,244,537	July 5, 1983	IC 025 - Shoes
<b>VANS</b>	1,267,262	February 14, 1984	IC 025 - Shoes
	1,353,939	August 13, 1985	IC 014 - Jewelry IC 018 - Wallets, handbags and all purpose tote bags IC 025 - Wearing apparel, namely, sport shirts, t-shirts, hats, short, jogging suits, socks, swimsuits and shoes
<b>VANS</b>	1,861,013	November 1, 1994	IC 025 - Clothing and footwear; namely, sport shirts, T-shirts, hats, shorts, jogging suits, socks and shoes for men, women and children
	2,817,392	February 24, 2004	IC 025 – Clothing, namely, t-shirts, shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, pants, jackets; footwear and headgear, namely, caps and hats for men, women and children.

The VANS Marks are used in conjunction with the manufacture and distribution of high-quality goods in the categories identified above. True and correct copies of the Certificates of Registration for the VANS Marks are attached hereto as Composite Exhibit "2."

24. The VANS Marks have been used in interstate commerce to identify and distinguish high-quality goods for an extended period and serve as symbols of Vans's quality, reputation and goodwill.

25. Further, Vans and its related companies expend substantial resources developing, advertising and otherwise promoting the VANS Marks. The VANS Marks qualify as famous marks as that term is used in 15 U.S.C. §1125(c)(1).



26. Vans and its related companies extensively use, advertise, and promote the VANS Marks in the United States in connection with the sale of high-quality goods. As a result, the VANS Marks are among the most widely recognized trademarks in the United States, and the trademarks have achieved secondary meaning among consumers as identifiers of high-quality goods.

27. Vans has carefully monitored and policed the use of the VANS Marks and has never assigned or licensed the VANS Marks to any Defendant in this matter.

28. Genuine goods bearing and/or using the VANS Marks are widely legitimately advertised and promoted by Vans, its related companies, and authorized distributors via the Internet. Visibility on the Internet, particularly via Internet search engines and social media platforms is important to Vans's overall marketing and consumer education efforts. Thus, Vans expends significant monetary and other resources on Internet marketing and consumer education regarding its products, including SEO, SEM, and social media strategies. Those strategies allow Vans and its related companies to educate consumers fairly and legitimately about the value associated with the VANS Marks and the goods sold thereunder.

**TBL's Trademark Rights**

29. TBL is the owner of all rights in and to the following trademarks, which are valid and registered on the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (collectively, the "TBL Marks"):

<b>Trademark</b>	<b>Registration Number</b>	<b>Registration Date</b>	<b>Class(es)/Goods</b>
	1,075,061	October 11, 1977	IC 025 - Footwear, namely boots, work shoes, and hiking shoes
TIMBERLAND	2,932,268	March 15, 2005	IC 025 - Footwear; clothing, namely coats, jackets, rainwear, sweaters, shirts, pants, shorts, headwear, gloves, neckwear, belts, sweatshirts, t-shirts, vests, socks
	2,947,228	May 10, 2005	IC 025 - Footwear; clothing, namely coats, jackets, rainwear, sweaters, shirts, pants, shorts, headwear, gloves, neckwear, belts, sweatshirts, t-shirts, vests, socks

The TBL Marks are used in conjunction with the manufacture and distribution of high-quality goods in the categories identified above. True and correct copies of the Certificates of Registration for the TBL Marks are attached hereto as Composite Exhibit "3."

30. The TBL Marks have been used in interstate commerce to identify and distinguish high-quality goods for an extended period and serve as symbols of TBL's quality, reputation and goodwill.

31. Further, TBL and its related companies expend substantial resources developing, advertising and otherwise promoting the TBL Marks. The TBL Marks qualify as famous marks as that term is used in 15 U.S.C. §1125(c)(1).

32. TBL and its related companies extensively use, advertise, and promote the TBL Marks in the United States in connection with the sale of high-quality goods. As a result, the TBL Marks are among the most widely recognized trademarks in the United States, and the trademarks have achieved secondary meaning among consumers as identifiers of high-quality goods.

33. TBL has carefully monitored and policed the use of the TBL Marks and has never assigned or licensed the TBL Marks to any Defendant in this matter.

34. Genuine goods bearing and/or using the TBL Marks are widely legitimately advertised and promoted by TBL, its related companies, and unrelated third parties via the Internet. Visibility on the Internet, particularly via Internet search engines and social media platforms is important to TBL's overall marketing and consumer education efforts. Thus, TBL expends significant monetary and other resources on Internet marketing and consumer education regarding its products, including SEO, SEM, and social media strategies. Those strategies allow TBL and its related companies to educate consumers fairly and legitimately about the value associated with the TBL Marks and the goods sold thereunder.

#### **Defendants' Infringing Activities**

35. Defendants are each promoting, advertising, distributing, selling, and/or offering for sale goods in interstate commerce bearing and/or using counterfeit and confusingly similar imitations of one or more of the TNF Marks, the VANS Marks, and/or the TBL Marks (the "Counterfeit Goods") through at least the e-commerce stores operating under the E-commerce

Store Names. Specifically, Defendants are each using the TNF Marks, VANS Marks, and/or TBL Marks (collectively, “Plaintiffs’ Marks”) to initially attract online consumers and drive them to Defendants’ e-commerce stores operating under the E-commerce Store Names. Defendants are each using identical copies of one or more of the Plaintiffs’ Marks for different quality goods. Plaintiffs have used their respective Marks extensively and continuously before Defendants began offering counterfeit and confusingly similar imitations of Plaintiffs’ merchandise.

36. Defendants’ Counterfeit Goods are of a quality substantially different than that of Plaintiffs’ genuine goods. Defendants are actively using, promoting and otherwise advertising, distributing, selling, and/or offering for sale substantial quantities of their Counterfeit Goods with the knowledge and intent that such goods will be mistaken for the genuine high-quality goods offered for sale by Plaintiffs despite Defendants’ knowledge that they are without authority to use Plaintiffs’ Marks. The net effect of Defendants’ actions is likely to cause confusion of consumers at the time of initial interest, sale, and in the post-sale setting, who will believe all of Defendants’ goods offered for sale in or through Defendants’ e-commerce stores are genuine goods originating from, associated with, and/or approved by Plaintiffs.

37. Defendants advertise their e-commerce stores, including their Counterfeit Goods offered for sale, to the consuming public via e-commerce stores on, at least, the E-commerce Store Names. In so doing, Defendants improperly and unlawfully use one or more of Plaintiffs’ Marks without Plaintiffs’ permission.

38. Defendants are concurrently employing and benefitting from substantially similar advertising and marketing strategies based, in large measure, upon an unauthorized use of counterfeits and infringements of Plaintiffs’ Marks. Specifically, Defendants are using counterfeits and infringements of one or more of Plaintiffs’ famous names and Plaintiffs’ Marks

to make their e-commerce stores selling unauthorized goods appear more relevant and attractive to consumers searching for both Plaintiffs and non-Plaintiffs' goods and information online. By their actions, Defendants are contributing to the creation and maintenance of an unlawful marketplace operating in parallel to the legitimate marketplace for Plaintiffs' genuine goods. Defendants are causing individual, concurrent, and indivisible harm to Plaintiffs and the consuming public by (i) depriving Plaintiffs and other third parties of their right to fairly compete for space online and within search engine results and reducing the visibility of Plaintiffs' genuine goods on the World Wide Web, (ii) causing an overall degradation of the value of the goodwill associated with Plaintiffs' Marks by viewing inferior products in either the pre or post sale setting, and/or (iii) increasing Plaintiffs' overall cost to market their goods and educate consumers about their brands via the Internet.

39. Defendants are concurrently conducting and targeting their counterfeiting and infringing activities toward consumers and likely causing unified harm within this district and elsewhere throughout the United States. As a result, Defendants are defrauding Plaintiffs and the consuming public for Defendants' own benefit.

40. At all times relevant hereto, Defendants have had full knowledge of Plaintiffs' respective ownership of Plaintiffs' Marks, including their respective, exclusive rights to use and license such intellectual property and the goodwill associated therewith.

41. Defendants' use of Plaintiffs' Marks, including the promotion and advertisement, reproduction, distribution, sale, and offering for sale of their Counterfeit Goods, is without Plaintiffs' consent or authorization.

42. Defendants are engaging in the above-described illegal counterfeiting and infringing activities knowingly and intentionally or with reckless disregard or willful blindness to

Plaintiffs' rights for the purpose of trading on Plaintiffs' respective goodwill and reputations. If Defendants' intentional counterfeiting and infringing activities are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined by this Court, Plaintiffs and the consuming public will continue to be harmed.

43. Defendants' above identified infringing activities are likely to cause confusion, deception, and mistake in the minds of consumers before, during, and after the time of purchase. Moreover, Defendants' wrongful conduct is likely to create a false impression and deceive consumers, the public, and the trade into believing there is a connection or association between Plaintiffs' respective genuine goods and Defendants' Counterfeit Goods, which there is not.

44. Moreover, upon information and belief, at least Defendant Number 19 has registered its respective E-commerce Store Name using marks that are nearly identical and/or confusingly similar to at least one of Plaintiffs' Marks (the "Cybersquatted E-commerce Store Name").

45. Defendant Number 19 does not have, nor has it ever had, the right or authority to use the Plaintiffs' Marks. Further, the Plaintiffs' Marks have never been assigned or licensed to be used on any of the e-commerce stores including the e-commerce store operating under the Cybersquatted E-commerce Store Name.

46. Defendant Number 19 has provided false and/or misleading contact information when applying for the registration of the Cybersquatted E-commerce Store Name or has intentionally failed to maintain accurate contact information with respect to the registration of the Cybersquatted E-commerce Store Name.

47. Defendant Number 19 has never used the Cybersquatted E-commerce Store Name in connection with a bona fide offering of goods or services.



48. Defendant Number 19 has not made any bona fide non-commercial or fair use of Plaintiffs' Marks on an e-commerce store accessible under the Cybersquatted E-commerce Store Name.

49. Defendant Number 19 has intentionally incorporated at least one of Plaintiffs' respective Marks in its Cybersquatted E-commerce Store Name to divert consumers looking for Plaintiffs' respective Internet e-commerce stores to its own Internet e-commerce store for commercial gain.

50. Given the visibility of Defendants' various e-commerce stores and the similarity of their concurrent actions, it is clear Defendants are either affiliated, or at a minimum, cannot help but know of each other's existence and the unified harm likely to be caused to Plaintiffs and the overall consumer market in which they operate because of Defendants' concurrent actions.

51. Although some Defendants may be physically acting independently, they may properly be deemed to be acting in concert because the combined force of their actions serves to multiply the harm caused to Plaintiffs.

52. Defendants' payment and financial accounts, including but not limited to those specifically set forth on Schedule "A," are being used by Defendants to accept, receive, and deposit profits from Defendants' trademark counterfeiting and infringing and unfairly competitive activities connected to their E-commerce Store Names and any other alias seller identification names being used and/or controlled by them.

53. Further, Defendants, upon information and belief, are likely to transfer or secret their assets to avoid payment of any monetary judgment awarded to Plaintiffs.

54. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law.

55. Plaintiffs are suffering irreparable injury because of Defendants' unauthorized and wrongful use of Plaintiffs' Marks. If Defendants' counterfeiting and infringing and unfairly competitive activities are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined by this Court, Plaintiffs and the consuming public will continue to be harmed while Defendants wrongfully earn a substantial profit.

56. The harm sustained by Plaintiffs have been directly and proximately caused by Defendants' wrongful reproduction, use, advertisement, promotion, offers to sell, and sale of their Counterfeit Goods.

**COUNT I - TRADEMARK COUNTERFEITING AND INFRINGEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO § 32 OF THE LANHAM ACT (15 U.S.C. § 1114)**

57. Plaintiffs hereby adopt and re-allege the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 56 above.

58. This is an action for trademark counterfeiting and infringement against Defendants based on their use of counterfeit and confusingly similar imitations of Plaintiffs' Marks in commerce in connection with the promotion, advertisement, distribution, offering for sale, and sale of the Counterfeit Goods.

59. Specifically, Defendants are promoting and otherwise advertising, selling, offering for sale, and distributing goods bearing and/or using counterfeits and/or infringements of one or more of Plaintiffs' Marks. Defendants are continuously infringing and inducing others to infringe Plaintiffs' Marks by using one or more of them to advertise, promote, offer to sell, and/or sell counterfeit and infringing goods bearing and/or using Plaintiffs' Marks.

60. Defendants' concurrent counterfeiting and infringing activities are likely to cause and are causing confusion, mistake, and deception among members of the trade and the general consuming public as to the origin and quality of Defendants' Counterfeit Goods.

61. Defendants' unlawful actions have caused and are continuing to cause unquantifiable and irreparable harm to Plaintiffs and are unjustly enriching Defendants with profits at Plaintiffs' expense.

62. Defendants' above-described unlawful actions constitute counterfeiting and infringement of Plaintiffs' Marks in violation of Plaintiffs' respective rights under § 32 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114.

63. Plaintiffs have each suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable injury while Defendants are earning a substantial profit due to Defendants' above-described activities if Defendants are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined.

**COUNT II - FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN**  
**PURSUANT TO § 43(a) OF THE LANHAM ACT (15 U.S.C. § 1125(a))**

64. Plaintiffs hereby adopt and re-allege the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 56 above.

65. Defendants' Counterfeit Goods bearing, using, offered for sale, and sold using copies of one or more of Plaintiffs' Marks have been widely advertised and offered for sale throughout the United States via the Internet.

66. Defendants' Counterfeit Goods bearing, offered for sale, and sold using copies of at least one or more of Plaintiffs' Marks are virtually identical in appearance to Plaintiffs' respective, genuine goods. However, Defendants' Counterfeit Goods are different in quality. Accordingly, Defendants' activities are likely to cause confusion in the trade and among consumers as to at least the origin or sponsorship of their Counterfeit Goods.

67. Defendants have used in connection with their advertisement, offers for sale, and sale of their Counterfeit Goods, false designations of origin and false descriptions and representations, including words or other symbols and designs, which tend to falsely describe or

represent such goods and have caused such goods to enter commerce in the United States with full knowledge of the falsity of such designations of origin and such descriptions and representations, all to Plaintiffs' detriment.

68. Defendants have each authorized infringing uses of one or more of Plaintiffs' Marks in Defendants' advertisement and promotion of their counterfeit and infringing branded goods. Some Defendants have also misrepresented to members of the consuming public that the Counterfeit Goods being advertised and sold by them are genuine, non-infringing goods.

69. Additionally, Defendants are simultaneously using counterfeits and infringements of one or more of Plaintiffs' Marks to unfairly compete with Plaintiffs and others for space within organic and paid search engine and social media results. Defendants are thereby jointly (i) depriving Plaintiffs of valuable marketing and educational space online which would otherwise be available to Plaintiffs and (ii) reducing the visibility of Plaintiffs' genuine goods on the World Wide Web and across social media platforms.

70. Defendants' above-described actions are in violation of Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §1125(a).

71. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law and have each sustained both individual and indivisible injury caused by Defendants' concurrent conduct. Absent an entry of an injunction by this Court, each Plaintiff will continue to suffer irreparable injury to their respective goodwill and business reputation, while Defendants are earning a substantial profit.

**COUNT III - CLAIM FOR RELIEF FOR CYBERSQUATTING**  
**PURSUANT TO §43(d) OF THE LANHAM ACT (15 U.S.C. §1125(d))**  
(Against Defendant Number 19 only)

72. Plaintiffs hereby adopt and re-allege the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 56 above.

73. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiffs have been and still are the owners of the rights, title, and interest in and to their respective trademarks.

74. Defendant Number 19 has acted with the bad faith intent to profit from Plaintiffs' Marks and the goodwill associated with Plaintiffs' Marks by registering and using the Cybersquatted E-commerce Store Name.

75. Plaintiffs' Marks were already distinctive and famous at the time Defendant Number 19 registered the Cybersquatted E-commerce Store Name.

76. Defendant Number 19 has no intellectual property rights in or to Plaintiffs' Marks. The Cybersquatted E-commerce Store Name is identical to, confusingly similar to, or dilutive of one or more of Plaintiffs' Marks.

77. Defendant Number 19's conduct is done with knowledge and constitutes a willful violation of Plaintiffs' rights in their respective Marks. At a minimum, the conduct of Defendant Number 19 constitutes reckless disregard for and willful blindness to Plaintiffs' respective rights.

78. Defendant Number 19's actions constitute cybersquatting in violation of §43(d) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(d).

79. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law and have suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable injury while Defendant Number 19 profits due to the above-described activities if Defendant Number 19 is not preliminarily and permanently enjoined.

#### **COUNT IV - COMMON LAW UNFAIR COMPETITION**

80. Plaintiffs hereby adopt and re-allege the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 56 above.

81. This is an action against Defendants based on their promotion, advertisement, distribution, sale, and/or offering for sale of goods bearing and/or using marks that are virtually

identical to one or more of Plaintiffs' Marks in violation of Florida's common law of unfair competition.

82. Specifically, Defendants are promoting and otherwise advertising, selling, offering for sale, and distributing goods bearing and/or using counterfeits and infringements of one or more of Plaintiffs' Marks. Defendants are also each using counterfeits and infringements of one or more of Plaintiffs' Marks to unfairly compete with Plaintiffs and others for (i) space in search engine and social media results across an array of search terms and (ii) visibility on the World Wide Web.

83. Defendants' infringing activities are likely to cause and are causing confusion, mistake, and deception among consumers as to the origin and quality of Defendants' e-commerce stores as a whole and all products sold therein by their use of Plaintiffs' Marks.

84. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law and are suffering irreparable injury because of Defendants' actions, while Defendants are earning a substantial profit.

#### **COUNT V - COMMON LAW TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT**

85. Plaintiffs hereby adopt and re-allege the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 56 above.

86. This is an action for common law trademark infringement against Defendants based on their promotion, advertisement, offering for sale, and sale of their Counterfeit Goods bearing and/or using one or more of Plaintiffs' Marks. Plaintiffs are the owners of all common law rights in and to Plaintiffs' Marks.

87. Specifically, each Defendant is promoting and otherwise advertising, distributing, offering for sale, and selling goods bearing and/or using infringements of one or more of Plaintiffs' Marks.

88. Defendants' infringing activities are likely to cause and are causing confusion, mistake, and deception among consumers as to the origin and quality of Defendants' Counterfeit Goods bearing and/or using Plaintiffs' Marks.

89. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law and are suffering irreparable injury because of Defendants' actions, while Defendants are earning a substantial profit.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

90. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment on all Counts of this Complaint and an award of equitable relief and monetary relief against Defendants as follows:

a. Entry of temporary, preliminary, and permanent injunctions pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116, 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a), The All Writs Act, and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65 enjoining Defendants, their agents, representatives, servants, employees, and all those acting in concert or participation therewith, from manufacturing or causing to be manufactured, importing, advertising or promoting, distributing, selling or offering to sell their Counterfeit Goods; from infringing, counterfeiting, or diluting Plaintiffs' Marks; from using Plaintiffs' Marks, or any mark or design similar thereto, in connection with the sale of any unauthorized goods; from using any logo, trade name or trademark or design that may be calculated to falsely advertise the services or goods of Defendants as being sponsored by, authorized by, endorsed by, or in any way associated with Plaintiffs; from falsely representing themselves as being connected with Plaintiffs, through sponsorship or association, or engaging in any act that is likely to falsely cause members of the trade and/or of the purchasing public to believe any goods or services of Defendants are in any way endorsed by, approved by, and/or associated with Plaintiffs; from using any reproduction, counterfeit, infringement, copy, or colorable imitation of Plaintiffs' Marks in connection with the publicity, promotion, sale, or advertising of any goods sold by

Defendants; from affixing, applying, annexing or using in connection with the sale of any goods, a false description or representation, including words or other symbols tending to falsely describe or represent Defendants' goods as being those of Plaintiffs, or in any way endorsed by Plaintiffs and from offering such goods in commerce; from engaging in search engine optimization strategies using colorable imitations of Plaintiffs' respective name or trademarks; and from otherwise unfairly competing with Plaintiffs.

b. Entry of a temporary restraining order, as well as preliminary and permanent injunctions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a), The All Writs Act, and the Court's inherent authority, enjoining Defendants and all third parties with actual notice of an injunction issued by the Court from participating in, including providing financial services, technical services or other support to, Defendants in connection with the sale and distribution of non-genuine goods bearing and/or using counterfeits and/or infringements of Plaintiffs' Marks.

c. Entry of an order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a), The All Writs Act, and the Court's inherent authority that, upon Plaintiffs' request, those acting in concert or participation as service providers to Defendants, who have notice of the injunction, cease hosting, facilitating access to, or providing any supporting service to any and all e-commerce stores, including but not limited to the E-commerce Store Names through which Defendants engage in the promotion, offering for sale and/or sale of goods using counterfeits and/or infringements of Plaintiffs' Marks.

d. Entry of an order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a), The All Writs Act, and the Court's inherent authority, authorizing Plaintiffs to serve the injunction on any e-mail service provider with a request that the service provider permanently suspend the e-mail addresses that are or have been used by Defendants in connection with Defendants' promotion, offering for



sale, and/or sale of goods using and/or bearing counterfeits and/or infringements of Plaintiffs' Marks.

e. Entry of an order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a), The All Writs Act, and the Court's inherent authority authorizing Plaintiffs to serve the injunction on the e-commerce store's registrar(s) and/or the privacy protection service(s) for the E-commerce Store Names to disclose to Plaintiffs the true identities and contact information for the registrants of the E-commerce Store Names.

f. Entry of an order pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116, 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a), The All Writs Act, and the Court's inherent authority, that upon Plaintiffs' request, Defendants and the top level domain (TLD) Registry for the E-commerce Store Names, and any other e-commerce stores used by Defendants, or their administrators, including backend registry operators or administrators, place the E-commerce Store Names on Registry Hold status for the remainder of the registration period for any such name, thus removing them from the TLD zone files which link the E-commerce Store Names, and any other e-commerce store names being used and/or controlled by Defendants to engage in the business of marketing, offering to sell, and/or selling goods bearing counterfeits and infringements of Plaintiffs' Marks, to the IP addresses where the associated e-commerce stores are hosted.

g. Entry of an order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a), The All Writs Act and the Court's inherent authority, canceling for the life of the current registration or, at Plaintiffs' election, transferring the E-commerce Store Names and any other e-commerce store names used by Defendants to engage in their counterfeiting of Plaintiffs' Marks at issue to Plaintiffs' control so they may no longer be used for unlawful purposes.

h. Entry of an order pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116 and the Court's inherent authority, requiring Defendants, their agent(s) or assign(s), to assign all rights, title, and interest, to their E-commerce Store Name(s) and any other e-commerce store names used by Defendants to Plaintiffs and, if within five (5) days of entry of such order Defendants fail to make such an assignment, the Court order the act to be done by another person appointed by the Court at Defendants' expense, such as the Clerk of Court, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 70(a).

i. Entry of an order pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116 and the Court's inherent authority, requiring Defendants, their agent(s) or assign(s), to instruct in writing, all search engines to permanently delist or deindex the E-commerce Store Name(s) and any other e-commerce store names used by Defendants and, if within five (5) days of entry of such order Defendants fail to make such a written instruction, the Court order the act to be done by another person appointed by the Court at Defendants' expense, such as the Clerk of Court, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 70(a).

j. Entry of an order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a), The All Writs Act, and the Court's inherent authority that, upon Plaintiffs' request, any Internet marketplace website operators, administrators, registrars and/or top level domain (TLD) Registry for the E-commerce Store Names who are provided with notice of an injunction issued by the Court, identify any e-mail address known to be associated with Defendants' respective E-commerce Store Names.

k. Entry of an order requiring Defendants to account to and pay Plaintiffs for all profits earned resulting from Defendants' trademark counterfeiting and infringing and unfairly competitive activities and that the profit award to Plaintiffs be trebled, as provided for under 15 U.S.C. §1117, or that Plaintiffs be awarded statutory damages from each Defendant in

the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per each counterfeit trademark used and product type offered for sale or sold, as provided by 15 U.S.C. §1117(c)(2) of the Lanham Act.

l. Entry of an order requiring Defendant Number 19 to account to and pay Plaintiffs for all profits earned resulting from Defendant Number 19's cybersquatting activities and that the profit award to Plaintiffs be trebled, as provided for under 15 U.S.C. § 1117, or that Plaintiffs be awarded statutory damages from Defendant Number 19 in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per cybersquatted e-commerce store name used as provided by 15 U.S.C. § 1117(d) of the Lanham Act.

m. Entry of an award pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117 (a) and (b) of Plaintiffs' costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and investigative fees associated with bringing this action.

n. Entry of an order pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116, 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a), The All Writs Act, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65, and the Court's inherent authority that, upon Plaintiffs' request, Defendants and any financial institutions, payment processors, banks, escrow services, money transmitters, or marketplace platforms, and their related companies and affiliates, identify and restrain all funds, up to and including the total amount of judgment, in all financial accounts and/or sub-accounts used in connection with the E-commerce Store Names or other alias seller identification names used by Defendants presently or in the future, as well as any other related accounts of the same customer(s) and any other accounts which transfer funds into the same financial institution account(s), and remain restrained until such funds are surrendered to Plaintiffs in partial satisfaction of the monetary judgment entered herein.

o. Entry of an award of pre-judgment interest on the judgment amount.

p. Entry of an order requiring Defendants, at Plaintiffs' request, to pay the cost necessary to correct any erroneous impression the consuming public may have received or derived

concerning the nature, characteristics, or qualities of Defendants' products, including without limitation, the placement of corrective advertising and providing written notice to the public.

q. Entry of an order for any further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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**SCHEDULE "A"**

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